REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE

OF THE

EDUCATION SOCIETY

FOR THE

Sons of Baptist Ministers,

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FROM THE FORMATION OF THE SOCIETY IN JULY, 1830, TO AUGUST, 1833.

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LIST OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE,

1833.

Treasurer,

JOHN PENNY, Esq. Great Scotland Yard, Westminster.

Secretary,

Rev. JOSEPH DAVIS, 28, Gravel Lane, Southwark.

Committee,

Rev. J. DYER,	Messrs. CARTWRIGHT,
— J. DAVIS,	— J. DAWSON,
— J. IVIMEY,	— J. FREEMAN,
— W. MURCH,	— J. HADDON,
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— T. THOMAS,	— THORNTON,
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With power to add to their Number.

BRITISH MUSEUM

REPORT.

This is the first report of the proceedings of the Society since its formation in 1830. There have been several notices of the Society's operations given in the Baptist Magazine, but no regular report until the publication of this. It is, therefore, due to the friends and supporters of the Institution to state the reasons why an earlier account of its transactions has not been afforded. At the close of the first year of its existence and operations it had been enabled to effect so little that it was judged best by the Committee to refrain from publishing their proceedings until they had something of a more satisfactory nature to exhibit. Just as the second year had terminated Mr. Southwood, who at first had been appointed to the Secretaryship, resigned his office, and his successors felt that they were not sufficiently qualified, by an acquaintance with the details of the Society's operations, to furnish a report at that time: your Committee, therefore, again postponed it for another year. That year being ended, they now submit the following account of the Society's operations from its commencement.

On Tuesday, July 20th, 1830, a Public Meeting was held at Salter's Hall Meeting-house, J. Penny, Esq. in the chair; when the following resolutions were proposed and adopted:—

I. That a Society be now formed, to be called "The Education Society for the sons of Baptist Ministers, from eight to fourteen years of age."

II. That the youths taken under the patronage of this Society shall be sent to Schools superintended by members of the Baptist Denomination.

III. That a Committee be now formed, with power to add to their number; and that three be competent to act.

IV. That J. Penny, Esq. of Great Scotland Yard, be requested to accept the office of Treasurer, and the Rev. W. Southwood, of Kensington, that of Secretary, to this Society.

On October 5, 1830, at a Committee Meeting, out of eight applications from ministers on behalf of their sons three were received. The children were sent to school after the Christmas vacation.

On January 4, 1831, out of four applications three more were admitted. These children also were sent to school after the then existing vacation.

On February 18, 1831, out of nine applications only one child was received, who was sent to school after the Easter recess. There were no more children received from that period until March 2, 1832, when one more was admitted, and sent to school the following quarter. Of these eight boys one ceased to receive the patronage of the Society at Midsummer, 1832, having then reached the age of fourteen. The remaining seven were continued at boarding schools up to the close of the year 1832; at which period five of them had been receiving a gratuitous education for two years, another for nearly that

time, and the seventh for nine months. Since that period (the close of 1832), the whole of them have been sent to *day schools*, in accordance with the following resolution, adopted at a Committee Meeting held Sept. 25, 1832:—

> Resolved, That, in consequence of the embarrassed state of the funds, arising from the small amount of subscriptions (as a temporary measure), the children after Christmas be sent to day schools *only* in their respective neighbourhoods; and that notice be given to the parents and schoolmasters of this arrangement.

By carrying the above resolution into effect the Society has, since Christmas last, borne the expense of day schools only.

In commenting upon this plain statement of what has been done, no one can be insensible to the positive advantages realized by the children who have been thus educated; nor is it possible to estimate the degree of anxiety from which the parents have been relieved by means of this Institution. But it is matter for regret that these benefits have been experienced by so few, and that to those few the advantages have, since Christmas, been so materially diminished. The reason of this lamented limitation and curtailment of the Society's operations will be found in the state of its funds.

Prior to the formation of the Society at Salter's Hall Meeting-house the subject had been very freely discussed at a meeting of ministers and other friends who were assembled together in the month of June in the same year, when it was first determined to form such a Society; and on that occasion there were subscriptions and donations promised to the amount of £74. Others in London and its vicinity have since added their names as donors and subscribers. Besides these exertions in the metropolis, Mr. Harpur, of Hedon, near Hull, has collected for the Society in Yorkshire. A journey was also taken to Cambridge and Norwich; at both which places the Society obtained very encouraging support. A visit has also been paid to a few places in Kent, where several practically proved their good feeling to the Institution. But notwithstanding all these exertions and supports, it will be seen by the balance-sheet, that the Society is in debt to the amount of £135 12s. 6d. There are, however, several subscriptions now due, for which the Committee refrain from applying until the publication of this report. The annual subscriptions do not amount to more than £60. This is the substance of the Society's operations, and the state of its finances. It rests with the Christian public to decide whether the Society, being freed from its present difficulties, shall be enabled to take a wider range of usefulness, or be confined within its present limits: and, indeed, without more general support it must become a question how far it will be wise to continue a Society, which must involve some expense, for the distribution of so small a sum as £60 per annum,—small, considering the object to which it is devoted.

Whilst your Committee wish, without concealment or ambiguity, to place before the public the Society's present circumstances, they do not feel justified in manifesting a spirit of despondency in regard to the future themselves, or in saying aught calculated to excite such a spirit in others. They think the Society has not been sufficiently known; and to account for this they must refer to the resignation of his office by the original Secretary, and the consequent necessity of choosing one who must labour under considerable disadvantages from not being connected with the Society from its commencement. When Mr. South-

wood, in consequence of his removal from London, resigned his office, Mr. Chin, of Walworth, and Mr. Davis, of Church Street, Blackfriars, consented to undertake the joint Secretaryship, since which, Mr. Chin, in consequence of ill health, and his many other engagements, has resigned his office; so that, contrary to your Committee's intention, and to your present Secretary's expectation, the whole duty and responsibility of the office have devolved upon him. Seeing then that occasional and not necessarily continuing circumstances have impeded the progress of the Society hitherto, let us cherish hope of its future prosperity. Of the practicability of extending the Society's usefulness your Committee cannot entertain a doubt, when they remember what that section of the Christian world to which this appeal is more particularly made have done, and are doing, in the establishment and support of other Societies in which their judgment and feelings are alike interested.

The object this Society has in view must be fully appreciated by every one acquainted with the circumstances of some of our most laborious and useful ministers. On the one hand, their limited incomes present an insuperable barrier to their *procuring* a sound and useful education for their sons; and on the other hand, the care of their respective churches, together with their constant and abundant labours in the neighbouring villages, prevent their devoting sufficient time or strength, either physical or mental, to educate their sons themselves. And surely in such spirit-stirring times as these, it is of the last importance that those engaged in counteracting the evil tendency of much injurious, or at least unprofitable knowledge, now so freely circulated—in teaching how to employ much useful knowledge, which our population are constantly receiving—and, above all, in disseminating religious knowledge;—surely men thus engaged should be left, as much as possible, freed from personal and relative anxieties, that they may "give themselves wholly to the work." Let all who feel the truth of these remarks, practically say to those engaged in this holy warfare, We will act towards your sons the part of a father, so far as their education is concerned, in order that you may the more freely strive, by all means and in all seasons, to be the spiritual fathers of those to whom it may truly be said, "Ye must be born again." And for their encouragement in this "work of faith and labour of love," let them remember who has said, "And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward."

Subscriptions and Donations.

	£.	s.	d.
1830.			
Received in London.			
A Friend, by Mr. Dyer	10	0	0
Bailey, Mr.	10	0	0
Beddome, Mrs. J.	1	1	0
Blyth, T. Esq. *Langham*	1	1	0
Chambers, Mrs.	1	1	0
Clarke, Rev. J.	1	1	0
Copley, Rev. W.	5	0	0
Davis, Mr. E.	1	1	0
Foster, J. Esq. *Biggleswade*	25	0	0
Howland, Mr.	1	0	0
Ivimey, Rev. J.	5	0	0
Keen, Rev. C. T.	1	0	0
Mann, Rev. I.	1	1	0
Merrett, Mr.	1	0	0
Parnell, J. Esq.	1	0	0
Penny, Mr.	5	5	0
Penny, Mrs.	4	0	0
Rippon, Rev. J., D.D.	10	0	0
Smith, Rev. J.	1	1	0
Upton, Rev. J.	0	10	6
Wisdom, Miss	1	0	0
1831.			
A Lady, by J. Penny, Esq.	2	2	0
Do. do.	1	1	0
Cartwright, Mr.	1	1	0
Chin, Rev. J.	5	0	0
Church at Poplar (Collection)	2	0	0
Davis, Mr. E.	1	1	0
Dyer, Rev. J.	1	1	0
Galpine, Miss	1	0	0
Millard, Mrs.	1	1	0
Newman, Rev. W., D.D.	5	0	0
Ruff, Mr.	1	1	0
Sutcliffe, J. Esq.	1	1	0
Thornton, Mr.	1	1	0
Wigney, R. Esq.	1	1	0
Wilkinson, Rev. —	1	1	0
1832.			
A Friend, by Rev. — Birt	1	0	0
Do. by Rev. — Hawson	1	0	0
Birt, Rev. —	1	0	0
Blyth, T. Esq.	1	1	0
Cartwright, Mr.	1	0	0
Clarke, Rev. J.	5	0	0
Do. 1831	1	1	0
Collyer, Rev. W. B. (forwarded by)	3	0	0
Davis, Mr. E.	1	0	0
Dawson, Mr.	2	2	0
Edwards, Mr.	0	10	6
Hanson, J. Esq.	1	1	0
Heath, Mr. J.	1	1	0
Howard, Mr.	1	0	0
Locke, Mr. *Nottingham.*	0	10	0
Marshall, Mr.	1	0	0
Merrett, Mr.	1	0	0
Murch, Rev. W.	1	1	0
Nichols, Rev. W. *Collingham*	5	0	0
Penny, Mr.	2	2	0
Do. 1831	2	2	0
Penny, Mrs.	2	2	0
Do. 1831	2	2	0
Ruff, Mr.	1	0	0
Sanders, Mr. J.	0	10	0
Saunders, Mr. J.	0	10	0
Steane, Rev. E.	1	1	0
Sutcliffe, Mr.	1	0	0
Swinscow, Mr.	1	0	0
Swinscow, Mrs.	1	0	0
Thompson, T. Esq.	10	10	0
Wilson, J. B. Esq.	10	10	0
West, Mr.	1	1	0
Small Sums	0	14	0
1833.			
A Lady, by J. Penny, Esq.	2	2	0
Blyth, T. Esq.	1	1	0
Edwards, Rev. J.	1	1	0
Haddon, Mr. J.	4	4	0
Collected at Cambridge.			
Adams, Mr.	1	1	0
A Friend	0	5	0
Ashton, W. S. Esq.	0	10	0
Basham, Mr.	0	10	6
Brimley, Mr.	1	1	0
Cook, Mr.	1	0	0
Cribb, Mr.	0	10	0
Dee, Messrs. W. & S.	0	10	0
Eaden, Mr.	1	0	0
Elliston, Mr.	0	10	6
Foster, R. jun.	2	2	0
Foster, Mr. J. M.	1	1	0
Foster, E. Esq.	2	2	0
Fromant, Mr.	0	5	0
Gotobed, Miss	0	10	0
Gray, Rev. J.	0	10	6
Ingle, Mr.	0	10	0
Johnson, Mr., Regent Street	1	1	0
Johnson, Mr. E.	0	10	0
Johnson, Mr. J.	0	5	0
Johnson, Mrs.	0	10	0
Johnson, Mr. R.	0	5	0
Nutter, Mr. J.	0	10	6
Nutter, Mr. O.	0	10	0
Pepper, Mr.	0	10	0
Randall, Mr.	0	10	0
Shippey, Messrs. W. & E.	0	10	0
Simpson, Mr. jun.	0	10	0
Smith, Mr.	0	10	0

	£.	s.	d.
Diss.			
A Friend	0	2	6
Jeffes, Mr. J.	1	0	0
Murch, Rev. J.	0	7	6
Simpson, Miss	0	10	0
Ward, Rev. W.	0	10	0
Norwich.			
A Friend	0	5	0
Do.	0	5	0
Barnes, Miss	0	2	6
Copeman, Mr.	1	0	0
Cozens, Mr. J.	1	0	0
Crisp, Mr.	0	2	6
Darkin, Mr.	0	3	0
Deeks, Mr.	0	5	0
Farrow, Mr.	0	5	0
Fisk, J. H. Esq.	5	0	0
Gurney, J. J. Esq.	1	0	0
Keer, Mr.	0	2	6
Laplin, Mr.	0	2	6
Le Maire, Rev. R. G.	0	10	6
Moore, Mr.	0	5	0
Ringer, Mr.	0	5	0
Rogers, Mr.	0	5	0
Rump, Mr.	0	5	0
Smith, Mr. G.	0	5	0
Small Sums	0	5	6
Kent.			
Farningham. Attwood, Mr.	1	0	0
Rogers, Mr. H.	0	10	0
Maidstone. A Friend	1	0	0
Ditto	0	10	0
Bow, Mr.	0	2	6
Bentlif, Mr.	0	5	0
Cornford, Rev. S.	0	10	0
Day, Mr.	0	2	6
Fulljam, Mr.	0	5	0
Laker, Mr.	0	5	0
Marshall, Mr.	0	2	6
Stanger, Mr. J.	0	5	0
Steer, Mr.	0	10	0
Waghorn, Mr. C.	0	2	6
Waghorn, Mr. J.	0	2	6
Chatham. Ackworth, Mr. G.	0	10	0
Pudner, Mrs.	0	10	0
Yorkshire.			
Bradford. Aked, Mr. T.	1	1	0
Aked, Mrs.	1	1	0
Cole, Mr. J.	1	1	0
Hollings, — Esq.	0	10	6
King, Mr. J.	0	10	0
Milligan, Mr. R.	1	1	0
Turner, Mr. S.	0	7	0
Small Sums.	0	10	6
Beverly. A Friend	0	5	0
Sherwood, Mrs.	0	5	0
Simpson, Mr. W.	0	5	0
Bridlington. Baron, Mr. G.	0	10	0
Beilby, Mrs.	0	5	0
Forth, Mr. W.	0	5	0
Sundry Friends	1	3	0
Driffield. Do.	0	13	0
Haworth. Greenwood, J. Esq.	0	10	0
Greenwood, Jos. Esq.	0	10	0
Greenwood, James, Esq.	0	10	0
Greenwood, Wm. Esq.	0	10	0
Saunders, Rev. M.	0	7	0
Hull. A Friend	0	5	0
Do.	0	5	0
Blenkin, Mr. G.	0	10	0
Bowden, Mr. J.	0	10	0
Daniel, Rev. C.	0	5	0
Gibson, Mr. W.	0	5	0
Greenwood, Mr. G.	1	0	0
Jackson, Mr. J.	0	10	0
Lambeth, Mr. G.	0	5	0
Lowthorp, W. Esq.	0	10	0
Thornton, J. Esq.	0	10	0
Tinkler, Mr. W.	0	5	0
Sykes, Mr. T.	0	5	0
Willson, Mr. R.	0	10	0
Small Sums	0	5	0
Leeds. Acworth, Rev. J., A.M.	0	5	0
Baker, Mrs.	1	0	0
Chadwick, Mrs.	0	10	0
Goodman, B. Esq.	1	1	0
Radford, Mrs. Ann	0	10	0
Rawson, G. Esq.	1	0	0
Wylde, Mr. J.	1	1	0
Small Sums	0	13	0
Salendine Nook. Brook, Mr. J.	0	10	0
Eastwood, Mr. S.	1	0	0
Shaw, Mr. W.	0	5	0
Tredale, Mr. J.	0	5	0
Willett, Mr. R.	0	5	0
Small Sums	0	5	0
Scarborough. A Friend	0	5	0
Ainsworth, Mr. J.	0	5	0
Edmond, R. B.	0	5	0
Evans, Rev. B.	0	5	0
Gibson, Mr. G.	0	5	0
Hill, C. Esq.	0	10	0
Smith, Wm. Esq.	0	10	0
Stickney, Mr.	0	5	0
Tindall, Mr.	0	5	0
Tindall, Mr.	0	5	0
Rowintree, Mr. J.	0	5	0
Wheldon, Mr. J.	0	5	0
Wood, Mr. W.	0	5	0
Small Sums	0	5	6
Wainsgate. Cousin, Mr.	1	0	0

*** *The Secretary has no means of ascertaining, in reference to many of the above-mentioned sums, whether they ought to be characterized as Subscriptions or Donations; and has therefore judged it best to leave the whole of them in this respect undistinguished. He hopes by careful inquiry to attain to greater correctness in future.*

Abstract of the Cash Account from July, 1830, to August, 1833.

Subscriptions and Donations	£259	4	0	Printing and Stationery	10	17	3
				Journeying expenses	17	16	6
				Postage and Carriage	6	1	6
				Advertisements	6	0	0
				Schoolmasters	217	4	11
					258	0	2
				Balance	1	3	10
	£259	4	0		£259	4	0

Debts owing by the Society to the Schoolmasters . . . £135 12 6

Subscriptions and Donations for this Society will be thankfully received by J. PENNY, ESQ., *Great Scotland Yard, Westminster, Treasurer; by the* REV. JOSEPH DAVIS, 28, *Gravel Lane, Southwark, Secretary; also, at the Missionary Rooms, Fen Court, Fenchurch Street.*

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